

**City of Reading City Council
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2013**

Council President Francis G. Acosta called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Pastor Quentin Wallace, St. Matthew United Methodist.

All present pledged to the flag.

ATTENDANCE

Council President Acosta
Councilor Corcoran, District 1
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Sterner, District 3
Councilor Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Reed, District 5
Councilor Waltman, District 6
City Auditor D. Cituk
City Solicitor C. Younger
City Clerk L. Kelleher
Managing Director C. Snyder
Mayor V. Spencer

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Acosta announced that three (3) citizens were registered to address Council; two(2) on agenda matters and one (1) on non-agenda matters. He inquired if any Councilor objected to suspending the rule requiring non-agenda comment at the end of the Council meeting. As no one objected, the rule to require non-agenda comment at the end of the meeting was suspended. Council President Acosta reminded the citizens registered to speak about the remaining public speaking rules.

Roger Stief Jr., declined the opportunity to speak when called to the podium.

Rich Kasprzewski, of South 15th Street, asked Council to further explore the transfer of two (2) Streets division employees to Solid Waste/Recycling before approving the ordinance on tonight's agenda. He stated that the staff reduction in Streets several years ago has hampered the division's ability to perform quality service to Reading residents. He stated this reduction

in staff will further impeded the division's ability to plow snow, remove leaves, pick up storm debris, etc. He suggested that if Solid Waste/Recycling is flush with money they should hire new employees rather than further strip employees from the Streets division. He stated that diverting employees to handle trash and recycling collection will hamper the ability of the Street's division to handle their current workload.

Brenda Clay, of North 2nd St, was not present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES

Council President Acosta called Council's attention to the agenda for this meeting, including the legislation listed under the Consent Agenda heading, and the minutes for the July 22nd and August 12th Regular Meetings of Council. He announced the need to remove Resolution D regarding Our City Reading from the agenda as further information is needed.

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Sterner, to approve the minutes from the July 22nd and August 12th Regular Meetings of Council and the agenda as amended, including the legislation under the Consent Agenda heading. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A. Resolution 63-2013 – to authorize a Sewage Plan Revision for Kutz Factory LP's Kutztown Road Retail, on William Road, as the proposed connection does comply with the allocations and other aspects of the provision of Chapter 94 of State Statutes. **(Bus Analyst/Utilities)**

B. Resolution 64-2013 – to authorize the disposition of digital data and electronic transaction records created, obtained or derived prior to January 1, 2007 for the Department of Administrative Services, as per Records Retention Policy and Document Retention Schedule **(Bus Analyst)**

C. Award of Contract – for the Angelica Creek Bridge Remediation to Professional Construction Contractors, Inc., 4220 Myriah Court, Bethlehem, PA who is the low bidder with total bid price of \$206,959.00 **(Purchasing/Pub Works)**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mayor Spencer read the report distributed to Council at the meeting. In summary:

- Attended a meeting with the Reading School District about school safety
- Attended the press conferences regarding the announcement of Reading's designation as a Main Street City
- Attended the Gilmore-Henne event at Barbey's playground
- Attended the Mayor's Against Guns meeting

AUDITOR'S REPORT

City Auditor Cituk read the report distributed to Council at the meeting covering the following:

- 2013 Admissions Tax collection
- 2013 PILOT collection

REPORT FROM DEPT. DIRECTORS, BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, & COMMISSIONS

None.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

A. Bill No. 35-2013 - approving, adopting and enacting substantive changes to the existing city ordinances in conjunction with the adoption of the Code of the City of Reading (**City Clerk/Law**) *Advertised July 1st and August 19th*

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, to enact Bill No. 35-2013.

Council President Acosta explained that Bill Nos. 35 and 36 pertain to the recodification of the City's ordinances.

Bill No. 35-2013 was enacted by the following vote:

**Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman, Acosta,
President - 7
Nays: None - 0**

B. Bill No. 36-2013 - approving the codification of a complete body of legislation for the City of Reading, County of Berks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as revised, codified and consolidated into titles, chapters and sections by General Code, and consisting of Chapters 1 through 600, together with an Appendix, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as a single ordinance of the City of Reading, which shall be known and is hereby designated as the "Code of the City of Reading," hereinafter referred to as the "Code." (**City Clerk/Law**) *Advertised July 1st and August 19th*

Councilor Sterner moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to enact Bill No. 36-2013.

Bill No. 36-2013 was enacted by the following vote:

**Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman, Acosta,
President - 7
Nays: None - 0**

C. Bill No. 37-2013 – amending the 2013 Position Ordinance by transferring two Equipment Operator II positions in the Streets Division of the Department of Public Works to the Solid Waste and Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works. **(Bus Analyst)**

Councilor Sterner moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to enact Bill No. 37-2013.

The Managing Director explained that these two (2) positions are currently funded by Solid Waste/Recycling and the transfer simply moves them into the area that pays the employees. She stated that the duties of the employees will remain the same and that the transfer will merely increase the flexibility of staff and the department.

Bill No. 37-2013 was enacted by the following vote:

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman, Acosta,
President - 6
Nays: Reed - 1

D. Bill No. 39-2013 – authorizing the execution of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Reading School District for the recycling collection service as well as any and all other required documents to facilitate and effectuate said recycling collection service. **(Law)**

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to enact Bill No. 39-2013.

Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked the Administration and School District for working cooperatively to bring recycling into the District's operations. She suggested extending on this cooperation into other areas and services.

Bill No. 39-2013 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman, Acosta,
President - 7
Nays: None - 0

E. Bill No. 40-2013 – vacating a portion of Moss Street, as described in Exhibit A and removing this portion of Moss St from the City's topographical map **(Law)** (PAGE 84) *Introduced at the 6-24 regular meeting; Required post enactment advertisement scheduled for September 2nd, 9th and 16th*

Councilor Corcoran moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to enact Bill No. 40-2013.

Bill No. 40-2013 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Reed, Sterner, Waltman, Acosta,
President - 7

Nays: None - 0

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

Council President Acosta reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Councilor Sterner moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk